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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Michael C. Kiefer et al.

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For: NOVEL APOPTOSIS-MODULATING

PROTEINS, DNA ENCODING THE PROTEINS AND METHODS OF USE

THEREOF

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 3, 1996. This extension will extend the time the response is due from March 3, 1997 to June 3, 1997.

A three month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$465.00 (small entity status).

A check in the amount of \$465.00 is attached.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952**. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.

Dated: May 20, 1997

Respectfully submitted,

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